

Edwards Congratulates Baylor, A&M, Big 12 on

Decision to Keep Conference Intact

(Waco, Texas) – [U.S. Representative Chet Edwards](#) today issued the following statement congratulating Baylor, A&M and Texas on their decision to preserve the conference.

“Keeping the conference together is great news for Waco, College Station, Austin and the entire state of Texas, and I congratulate Baylor, Texas A&M and Texas and their supporters for their good faith leadership and hard work. This decision keeps alive state traditions and ties that go back a century, protects our Texas economy, and preserves our future.

“The Presidents of Baylor and Texas A&M, Ken Starr and Bowen Loftin, and their Boards deserve special recognition for their effective leadership. I also saw first-hand the "never say die" attitudes of members of the Baylor family such as Buddy Jones, Drayton McLane, and former Governor Mark White, who worked on a daily basis behind the scenes to deliver the outcome we celebrate today.

“The breakup of the Big 12 would have had a detrimental effect on our entire state, so I believe it was important and appropriate for Members of the Texas Legislature to ensure that the voices of Texas citizens and taxpayers were heard. As we did in 1989, the Texas Legislature once again made a positive difference for the Lone Star State.”

Listen to Chet talk about the bright future of the Big 12 on Baylor sports radio by clicking the following link: [Chet_Edwards-06-15-10.mp3](#).

Edwards is a 1974 graduate of Texas A&M University who represents both Baylor and Texas A&M in the 17th congressional district.